Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: നേരിയമംഗലം പാലത്തിന്റെ ആദ്യത്തെ പ്ലാൻ മാറ്റുകയും മറ്റൊരു പ്ലാൻ ഉണ്ടാക്കുകയും അതനുസരിച്ച് രണ്ടാമതും പാലം പണിയിക്കയും കൺട്രാക്ടർക്ക് ഒരു ഭീമമായ സംഖ്യ കൊടുക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. മറുപടിയിൽ ഇതൊന്നു മില്ലെന്നു പറയുന്നു. പിന്നെ എങ്ങിനെയാണ് ഉപചോദ്യം ചോദിക്കുന്നത്?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The work was carried out according to contract. There was no change in the plan. There was some small change in alignment, but no extra payment was made on that account.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ആദ്യത്തെ പ്ലാനനുസരിച്ചുള്ള പാലത്തിന്റെ കാൽ നിർത്തിയതും പിന്നീട് അതുമാറിയതും കണ്ണാടിയിലെന്നപോലെ അവിടെ ചെന്നാൽ കാണാവുന്നതാണ്.

President: You must accept what the Chief Engineer tells you.

Improvement of the Todupuzha-Arakulam road.

5. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the improvement of the portion of the road from the 5th mile of the Todupuzha-Arakulam road to its terminus does not require pipe-laying in several parts;

(*b*) the number of pipes required if pipes are to be laid in the remaining sections of the road as was done for the first five miles; and

(*c*) whether there is any section within the first five miles of the road which has no gutters?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Sixty pipes.

(*c*) Yes, there are three places.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഈ റോഡിൽ ഒന്നു മുതൽ അഞ്ചുവരെ മൈൽ ദൂരത്തിൽ എത്രപൈപ്പുകളുണ്ടെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I have no information, Sir.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഈ റോഡിന്റെ ഒരു മൈൽ ഒരു തരത്തിലും ഒരു മൈൽ വേറൊരുതരത്തിലും ആകുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണമെന്തെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കു പറയാമോ?

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : If I am correct—and I am practically sure—the honourable member himself is the contractor for the second portion of this road. I think it would be preferable if he does not ask any further questions on the floor of this House regarding that portion of the road.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഞാൻ കൺട്രാക്ടർആയതുകൊണ്ട് ഇതരത്തിലാണെന്നു മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : Sir, this is purely a personal matter ; and it has been sufficiently discussed in this House some time back.

President : It is unfortunate. Mr. Kattakayam, will you please pass on to the next question ? Does not the member himself feel delicate about this question ? I hope he does.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഈ ൪ മൈൽ ദൂരം എനിക്ക് എപ്പോഴും സഞ്ചരിക്കേണ്ട ഒന്നാണ്.

President : There are two sections of the road, and the honourable member is himself personally interested in the second portion. I think it will be very very delicate for the honourable member to put questions about that section of the road. If he has anything to say, he can write to Government, and Government will do the needful.

Reopening the old pathway in front of the Taluk Office, Todupuzha.

6. ✻ **Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was a pathway in front of the Todupuzha Taluk Cutcherry before ; and

(*b*) whether that pathway has been assigned by the authorities on registry in favour of any individual through the recommendation of some influential men ?

Mr. K. George : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Fire engine at Trivandrum.

7. ✻ **Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the tyre of the fire engine sent to extinguish the fire that broke out at Chengalchula on the 15th Kumbhom last was punctured on its way ;

(*b*) whether the Superintendent of the fire engines was telephoned to on the 19th instant in regard to the breaking out of fire near the Residency bungalow ;

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